

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 221

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Stephen Williams on being named Emergency Medical Technician of the Year by the Tennessee Ambulance Services Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those estimable public servants who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community servants of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Williams is one such estimable individual, who was recently named the 2009 Tennessee Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) of the Year, an honor that accompanies the Jimmy Studdard EMT Award; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Ambulance Service Association's decision to confer the award is based on an EMT's length of service and his or her level of community involvement; its namesake, Mr. Studdard, was an ardent supporter of the Tennessee Ambulance Service Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was just fifteen years old when he joined the Shackle Island Volunteer Fire Department as an Explorer and although he could not accompany the firemen on their calls, his experience convinced him to pursue a career in the field of emergency medicine; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Beech High School, Stephen Williams enrolled in the Volunteer State Community College EMT program, earning certification as an EMT-IV, which qualifies him to administer intravenous therapy in addition to the care he can provide as a basic EMT; he began working full-time for Sumner County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in 2005; and

WHEREAS, at Sumner County, Mr. Williams has formed an EMS bike team, an important innovation that allows EMTs to effectively work large public spaces and outdoor events, where patients, often far from roadways and sometimes surrounded by large crowds, are not quickly and easily accessed by ambulance; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Williams not only assembled the team but came to serve as its leader after its formation; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his EMS career, Mr. Williams has exhibited more than just skill as an EMT; he has demonstrated true compassion, a strong work ethic, and a proclivity for ingenuity; and

WHEREAS, the people of Sumner County are fortunate to have Stephen Williams as a local emergency medical provider, and his profession will surely benefit from his example; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and congratulate Stephen Williams on being named the 2009 EMT of the Year, an honor which accompanies the Jimmy Studdard EMT Award, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, extend our deepest gratitude for his life-saving work, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.